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COMPOSITION CONTAINING  
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PARTICLES

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows before the first Office Action. The preliminary amendment is expected to expedite prosecution.

In the Specification:

Kindly replace the paragraph on page 10, line 8 as follows:

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--wherein n is about 5 to 1000 and wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or together form a substituted or unsubstituted group or a substituted or unsubstituted 1,2-cyclohexylene group.--

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 5 and 6 as set forth below:

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5. (Amended) A composition as in claim 1 wherein said composition comprises electronically conductive polymer particles of a polythiophene present in a cationic form with a polyanion, said polythiophene comprising recurring units defined by the following Formula I wherein n is about 5 to 1000 and wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or together form a

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